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U. S. CONSUL ON BIG LINER SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN

RECEPTION TO PAN-AMERICAN DELEGATES TO BE BRILLIANT

Big Social Event of New Year
in Capital Tonight—Secretary
and Mrs. Lansing to
Head Line.

General Session Postponed Be-
cause of Incompleteness of
Resolutions—Republics Send
Congratulations.

The first week of the Pan-American
Congress will be
told in a blaze of glory. With
men and women from every repub-
lic of the Western Hemisphere in
attendance, a brilliant reception
will be held at the Pan-American
building under the auspices of the
governing board of the Pan-American
Union.

It will be the big social event of
New Year Day in Washington, and
will be second in importance to
the reception to be given to mem-
bers of the congress next Friday
night at the White House by Presi-
dent Wilson and his bride. It will
also mark the first formal partici-
pation by the Pan-American Union
in the activities of the congress.

LANSING TO HEAD LINE.
The receiving line will be headed by
Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing,
and will include all the diplomatic
representatives in Washington of the
Latin-American republics. The guests
will be received in the Hall of the
Americas, which, like other portions
of the building, will be brilliantly de-
corated with silken flags and bunting
and tanked with tropical foliage.

The guests will be presented to the
receiving party by John Barrett, di-
rector-general of the Pan-American
Union, and secretary-general of the
Pan-American Scientific Congress. Ad-
mission to the reception will be lim-
ited to persons who have received cards
of invitation.

The second general session of the con-
gress, which was to have been held to-
day, (Continued on Second Page.)

LOSS OF SUBMARINE ADMITTED BY FRENCH

Paris Marine Ministry Says
Monge Was Sunk in Adriatic
by Austrians.

PARIS, Jan. 1.—The French ministry
of marine today admitted that the sub-
marine Monge had been sunk in the
Adriatic in an encounter with an Aus-
trian squadron. It was announced at
the same time that a French submarine
had sunk enemy munitions vessels in
the Adriatic.

"The Monge was sunk off Cattaro
during a naval battle," said the official
communiqué. "A portion of the crew
was saved. During the action an enemy
hydroaeroplane was destroyed."

The Austrian admiral first reported
the sinking of the Monge in a wireless
statement transmitted through Berlin
yesterday. It was stated that part of
the crew had been made prisoners.

Monarch of Greece Who
Is Again Ill at Athens



KING CONSTANTINE

KING CONSTANTINE TO UNDERGO OPERATION

German Specialist Due in Athens
Today—Trouble of "Minor
Nature."

ATHENS, Jan. 1.—King Constantine
will be operated on today or tomorrow.
Prof. Strauss, the German specialist,
who attended the king during the sum-
mer, accompanied by Prof. Esselberg, is
expected to arrive here late today to
perform the operation.

It was stated officially that the opera-
tion would be only of "minor nature,"
and that the king would be able to be
out of doors within a short time.

A fortnight ago it was rumored that
King Constantine again had been taken
ill, and would be unable to participate
in public affairs for many weeks. No
confirmation was obtainable at that
time. The king recovered only a few
months ago from a serious illness that
threatened death last summer.

DAN CUPID HAS ROCKY ROAD IN BALTIMORE

Fails in One Out of Every Ten
Attempts, Divorce Court
Records Show.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 1.—Approximately
one out of every ten marriages in Bal-
timore city is shattered in the divorce
courts here, according to figures for
1912 compiled at the close of the year
from the dockets in the circuit courts
and in the offices of the court of com-
mon pleas, where Dan Cupid is in-
trenched. Slightly more than 80 per
cent of wedded couples, to be more pre-
cise, are separated by divorce decrees.

In the year just closed 6,194 marriage
licenses were issued, a marked decline
over last year, when 8,815 licenses were
issued. In the last twelve months the
court granted 584 decrees awarding ab-
solute and partial divorces and ordering
the payment of permanent alimony.

Frank McCormick, aged twenty-nine,
was slightly injured when a Christmas
tree in his apartment at 21 Grant place
caught fire today.

The tree had been lighted for the Mc-
Cormick baby early this morning. Later
the baby was taken from the room. Its
parents were present, however, when the
tree caught fire. It is believed from de-
fective wiring. In his efforts to extin-
guish the flame while awaiting the fire
engine, Mr. McCormick was overcome
and was unconscious for a short time.
He also suffered burns on the hands.

CAPITAL SLOW TO RISE AFTER NIGHT OF NOISE

Official Functions Are Lacking
in Observance of New
Year Day Here.

MANY RECEPTIONS ARE HELD

Honors of Day Paid Privately
and Clubs and Institutions
Keep Open House.

Although the White House recep-
tion, for many years the big feature
of New Year Day in the National
Capital, was lacking, a sleepy-eyed
and somewhat "headachy" population
arose late this morning and sallied
forth to do the honors.

Although no official function claimed
the attention of Washingtonians, there
were hundreds of receptions and re-
ception parties arranged, open house
was kept by all the clubs and institutions
of the city, and the greater part of the
citizen ship planned spending the day
dressed in best bib and tucker flitting
from the house of one friend or rela-
tive to another wishing them "A Happy
New Year."

Holiday prevailing in all the Govern-
ment departments, in the banks, com-
mercial and industrial houses of the
city, the streets were practically de-
serted to extend greetings to the great-
est number of persons before sunset
overtook them.

Special services were held in practi-
cally all the churches in the city, irre-
spective of denomination and reception
were held by the pastors afterward.

A thunderous, shrieking welcome was
given the new year on the stroke of 12
last night by thousands of men and
women gathered in hotels and cafes,
while the more devout gathered in all
the churches of the city and sang
psalms of joy over the birth of the new
year.

The Association of Oldest Inhabitants
will hold a reception at Rauscher's at
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SEVERE EARTHQUAKE IS RECORDED HERE

Location of Disturbance or Dis-
tance From Here Not Yet
Ascertained.

An exceptionally severe earthquake
was recorded on the seismograph at
Georgetown University this morning.
The disturbance lasted for more than
two hours.

Father Lombardi, in charge of the sei-
smograph laboratory, had not removed
the sheets from the instruments up to
a late hour, and for that reason the lo-
cation or distance of the disturbance
from Washington could not be ascer-
tained.

"All I can say is that the disturbance
is very severe," said Father Lombardi.
"The disturbance commenced to die
down shortly before 12 o'clock and just
as soon as it had stopped entirely the
records will be taken off."

SCORE INJURED IN TRAIN CRASH ON SOUTHERN

One May Die as Result of Head-
on Collision at Shipman,
Virginia.

WRONG SWITCH IS THROWN

Operator Flees After Sending
Florida Flyer Into Freight
on Siding.

One man was fatally injured and a
score of other persons badly injured
when the Southern Railway's Florida
special, one of its crack passenger
trains, crashed into a freight train
standing on a siding at Shipman, near
Charlottesville, Va., about 12 o'clock
last night.

Dispatches from the scene of the
crash and a statement issued at the
Washington office of the company, say
the head-on collision was due to the
throwing of the wrong switch by the
signal operator at Shipman. The op-
erator is said to have fled as soon as he
saw the passenger train dash through
the wrong switch in the direction of
the freight train. A moon today efforts
to find him were said to have proved
fruitless.

The injured passengers were treated
aboard the wrecked train by several
physicians who were in the sleeping
car. After giving them first aid treat-
ment, the doctors sent the injured men
and women to hospitals in Lynchburg
and Charlottesville, Shipman being an
equal distance, thirty miles, from each
of these cities.

The injured did not reach Lynchburg
and Charlottesville until 4:30 o'clock
this morning. They were conveyed in a
special train made up some hours after
the wreck occurred. The delay was
due to the great amount of work re-
quired of the wrecking crews in clear-
ing away the debris.

Shortly before the Florida special
was due at Shipman, freight train No.
74 pulled up at the north end of the
double track at the station to
await the passing of the southbound
special, on the parallel track. In-
stead of throwing the switch which
would have given the special a clear
road on the southbound track, the
night operator took hold of the lever
operating the "cross-over." As a re-
sult, the special crossed over from the
southbound to the northbound track
and plunged head-on into the station-
ary freight train.

Big Motor Sales Forecast.
NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—New York's
automobile show, breaking all re-
cords for size and opening day at-
tendance, is well under way today
with indications pointing to another
record in sales. Prosperity of the
East led dealers to predict a big in-
crease over the transactions of last
year's exhibit.

"Nearly All Perished" State Department Hears

Confirmation of the sinking of
the P. and O. liner Persia was
received by the State Depart-
ment from Consul General
Skinner at London.

The message from Skinner said:
"P. and O. liner Persia reported
sunk. Submarine while ap-
proaching Alexandria. R. N.
McNeely, American consul at
Aden, going to post, left London
as passenger."

His dispatch closed with the
sentence: "Nearly all on
board perished."

Officials are anxiously awaiting
details of the attack and all
expressions of opinion are
withheld.

President Wilson is in touch
with the situation as all news
received at the State Depart-
ment is being flashed to him
at Hot Springs.

GERMANS RUSH TO MEET RUSS THRUST

Kaiser Withdraws Forces From
Macedonia — Battles Are
Growing More Sanguinary.

ROME, Jan. 1.—Unconfirmed
reports received here today said
that Roumania has concentrated
three army corps on the Bul-
garian frontier.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 1.—The battles in
Gallia are increasing rapidly in extent
and violence and are becoming the most
sanguinary in the whole war.

The resistance made by the Austrians
to the great Russian drive appears to
beat out the reports from many sources
that the Germans are not only abandon-
ing preparations for an advance in
Macedonia, but are rushing troops from
that point to the assistance of the Aus-
trians.

Removal of German forces from other
regions are said by Russian military ex-
perts to indicate that Berlin realizes the
importance of the present offensive
movement of the Muscovites.

A General Attack.
In the recent period of inactivity
retrograde announced that the next
move of the Russians would not have
in mind sporadic successes or local
gains, but would be a general attack,
which would not be slackened, once
it was begun, and would end only in
a sweeping victory or signal defeat.

The Russians maintain a mysteri-
ous reticence concerning the opera-
tions in Gallia, but do not deny that
terrific battles are being fought.

Asks Investigation of
The Secretary of Labor

George Sylvester Viereck, editor of
the Fatherland, has requested the Sen-
ate Committee on Foreign Relations
and the House Committee on Foreign
Affairs to investigate the conduct of
Secretary of Labor Wilson.

Mr. Viereck alleges that Secretary
Wilson has given pernicious rulings,
according to which American citizens
may swear allegiance to the King of
England and enlist in the Canadian
forces without losing American citizen-
ship.

NEARLY ALL PERISH ON STEAMER PERSIA, SUBMARINE VICTIM

Brief Dispatches Tell of Disaster to P. & O.
Vessel Off Coast of Egypt—American
Official a Passenger on Way to Post at
Aden.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Peninsular and Oriental
liner Persia, flying the British flag, was sunk in the Medi-
terranean by a submarine on Thursday.

The Persia was sent to the bottom southeast of the
island of Crete, not far from the Egyptian coast, according
to the dispatches.

All the reports indicate that nearly all perished.
Only four boatloads of passengers and members of the
crew cleared the sinking liner.

Among the passengers was Consul R. N. McNeely,
American consul at Aden, on way to his new post.
Sinking of the British steamer Abelia by a submarine
was also announced today.

The Persia was en route from London to Bombay.
She was one of the great fleet of liners owned by the Pen-
insular and Oriental Company, of London, engaged prin-
cipally in trade between English ports and the Far East.

The first message received in London contained no de-
tails of the sinking of the liner, leaving it in doubt as to
whether she had attempted to escape or had been torpedoed
without warning.

At the London offices of the Peninsular and Oriental
Company it was stated that all the information available
was contained in a brief dispatch stating that she had been
sunk and that probably there had been a large loss of life.

"The Persia carried many passengers and a large
crew," said an officer of the line. "We have no definite
figures just now as to the exact number."

Not more than 200 persons could get away in four of
the Persia's boats, officers said, in commenting on the state-
ment that only four of her boats managed to clear. In all
likelihood, they said, the number of survivors was consid-
erably less than 200.

"The Persia was well equipped with lifeboats," said
one officer. "The very fact that only four of her boats
managed to clear indicates she sank rapidly and apparently
confirms reports of a large loss of life. We are hopeful,
however, that early reports are exaggerated."

The Persia displaced 7,974 tons, being only slightly
smaller than the Italian liner Ancona, which was sunk by a
submarine. She was built in 1900 at Greenock, Scotland,
and was registered from that port. She was 499 feet long
and had a 58-foot beam. Her commander, as given by
Lloyd's, was H. S. Bradshaw.

Excepting the Lusitania and the Arabic, the Persia is
the largest British liner to be sent to the bottom by a tor-
pedo. She is the first large British passenger-carrier sunk
in the Mediterranean.

With startling unexpectedness, just
at the time when official and diplo-
matic Washington was congratulating
itself that the crisis in the submarine
controversy has passed, the cables to-
day flashed the news that the British
P. and O. liner Persia had been sub-
marine and sunk in the Mediterranean,
that many passengers were lost, and
that Americans had probably gone
down.

Consul Robert N. McNeely, of Mon-
roe, N. C., who was a passenger on
the vessel going to his post at Aden,
may have been one of those lost.
Other Americans are supposed to
have been on board.

An official cable reached the State
Department today from Consul Gen-
eral Skinner at London. It said:
"P. and O. liner Persia reported
sunk, submarine, while approaching
Alexandria. Robert N. McNeely,
American consul at Aden, going to
post, left London as passenger."
This message was sent by Consul Gen-
eral Skinner early this morning. Other
official advices are awaited with great
anxiety by State Department officials.
Unless mitigating circumstances are
revealed by full advices, there is im-
minent danger that the United States
will break off relations with Austria,
as supposed.

The news of the disaster to the big
P. and O. liner, bound from London to
Bombay, was the more of a shock to

The First Story of a Washingtonian on the Ford Peace Ship

Robert B. Bermann, who sailed with Ford on the peace ship, has returned
to Washington, and in The Sunday Times will tell the first complete story of
Washington members of the party. An intimate, personal story that will tell
you about the people you know.

In The Sunday Times